

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An electroluminescent device equipped with a substrate ~~(1)~~ having a surface, a metallic structure ~~(5)~~ incorporated into the substrate ~~(1)~~, and a layer assembly on the surface of the substrate ~~(1)~~, the layer assembly comprising at least a first electrode ~~(2)~~, an electroluminescent layer ~~(3)~~ and a second electrode ~~(4)~~, wherein the metallic structure ~~(5)~~ is in electrical contact with the first electrode ~~(2)~~, and ~~the a~~ layer resistance of the metallic structure ~~(5)~~ is lower than ~~the a~~ layer resistance of the first electrode ~~(2)~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein light travels through the first electrode and the substrate to an observer, and wherein a width of the metallic structure ~~(5)~~ covers ~~that obstructs the light form the viewer is not more than~~ 10% of portions of the surface of the substrate that are in contact

with the first electrode.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein a layer thickness of the metallic structure (5) is greater than the a layer thickness of the first electrode ~~(2)~~.

Claim 4 (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the metallic structure (5) exhibits a structure selected from the group of strips, grids, wavy lines, zigzag lines and sawtooth lines.

6. (New) The electroluminescent device of claim 1, wherein a pattern of the metallic structure matches an existing pattern in the layer assembly.